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Interested parties are hereby notified that a Department of the Army permit was issued to Holcim (US) Inc., for the Lee Island project, on July 8, 2003.

During the course of the permit evaluation, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) decided not to hold a public hearing. This decision was based on a review of the comments generated by our public notices, a subsequently held public workshop, meetings with various stakeholders, and notably that comments were accepted for the entire duration of the permit evaluation procedure. All comments were given careful consideration in our public interest review. Based on the submitted comments, the Corps determined that sufficient information was obtained to identify the relevant issues and make a balanced public interest decision on the proposed project, and therefore, there was no valid interest to be served by holding a public hearing. We encourage individuals, groups, organizations and agencies to continue to share their views on future issues of public concern.

Based upon our Environmental Assessment, associated documents and studies prepared for the project, and special conditions imposed by the permit, the Corps determined that Holcim's water dependent project underwent thorough sequencing (avoidance, minimization, and mitigation) and there are no other practicable alternatives with less environmental impact. It was further determined that considering project modifications, required wetland and stream mitigation, land reclamation, conservation measures, large buffer area, water quality certification conditions, stormwater controls, permit conditions, and other factors, the project does not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment, and therefore, the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not warranted. After considering all required factors, the Corps determined that issuance of the permit is not contrary to the public interest.

A copy of the environmental review documents have been made available for public viewing on our web site at the following location: <http://www.mvs.usace.army.mil/permits/pn/Holcim.htm>. Printed versions will not be made available.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact my Project Manager, Charles Frerker at the address provided above.

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Chief, Regulatory Branch

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